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1. In late February 1950, Communist Party activists in Istria issued orders to the local authorities to the effect that the word "Communist" henceforth was to be replaced by the word "Socialist" when referring to the Tito form of government. At the same time, Communist vocabulary and stock phrases are being discouraged throughout Yugoslavia.
2. All manpower still is recruited by force in Yugoslavia. The method used to form a work brigade consists of surrounding a town with strong police units and then, moving from house to house, taking all those who are fit to work including young girls. In spite of the severe punishment in store for recalcitrants, many take to the hills.
3. There has been no improvement in recent months in freedom of religious practice. On 8 December 1949, a large group of men and women was not allowed to proceed to the Paranzo parish in Abrega by a group of malefactors. On 3 February 1950, during the feast of Saint Biagio in Monsalice, the peasants went to church armed with pitch-forks and members of the local cooperative, who intended to stop them, abandoned the idea. In Sbandati, where anti-clerical activity is most accentuated, the entrance to the church was covered with barbed wire and a deep ditch was dug in front of the church door.

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